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## **PROTECTING OUR YOUTH FROM DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUGS ACT OF 2013 (S.1323) FACT SHEET**

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### **CREATION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ANALOGUE COMMITTEE:**

- The Controlled Substances Act will be amended to allow for the creation of a Controlled Substance Analogue Committee.
- The Attorney General will create the Committee, headed up by the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and including experts from the DEA, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse.
- Committee will be given the legal authority to designate substances as controlled substance analogues.
- Committee will be responsible for creating and maintaining a list of all designated synthetic controlled substances, which are defined as those that are similar in chemical composition or bodily effect and have the potential for abuse.
- The DEA is required to update their public website regularly to include the list of designated controlled substance analogues.

### **AMENDMENTS TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IMPORT AND EXPORT ACT:**

- The Controlled Substances Import and Export Act will be amended to make importing controlled substance analogues into the United States illegal unless the Attorney General has authorized the transaction.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO FEDERAL SENTENCING COMMISSION:**

- Recommends the U.S. Sentencing Commission review current federal sentencing guidelines and amend them appropriately to provide adequate penalties for offenses related to controlled substance analogues.